

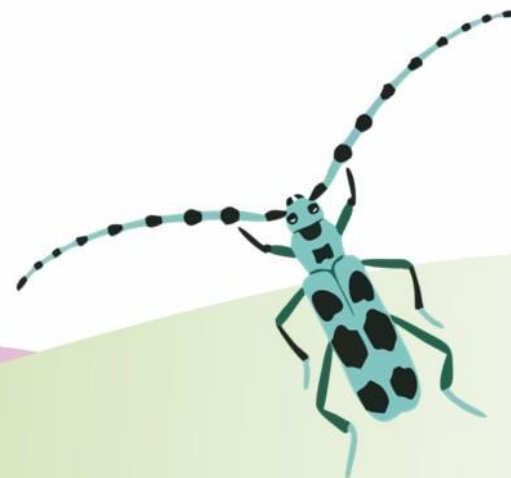
LIFE17 ESC/IT/001 "360 volunteers for monitoring forest biodiversity in the Italian Natura 2000 Network"

Final Conference "Volunteering for conservation of protected species and habitats"

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WHO WE ARE



121 countries, 74 partner, 37 affiliate / +10 million people related

The world's largest alliance of environmental NGOs

Together we are BirdLife International

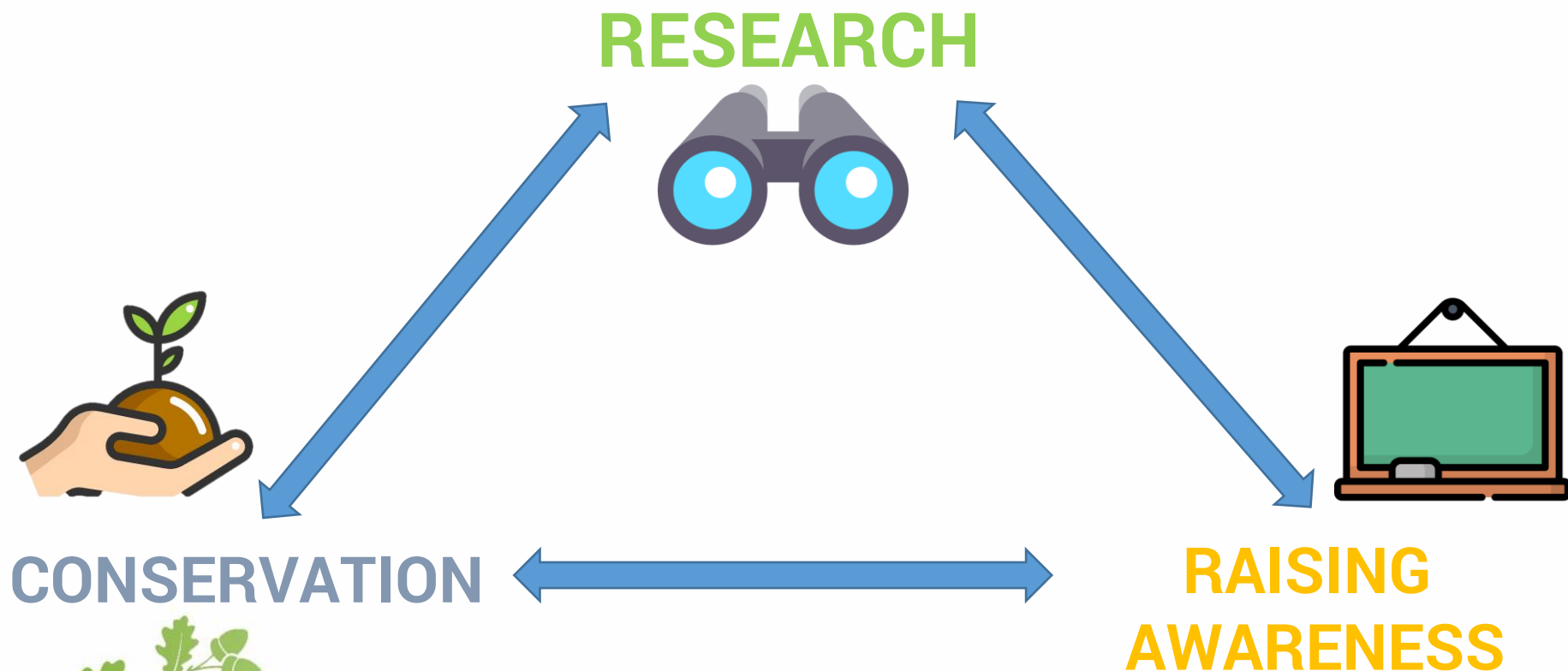


The global Partnership for nature and people



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VOLUNTEERING

Improving reality, transforming the world and doing it effectively
(environmental)



Reduce the negative impact of humans on the environment and enhance the value of natural heritage (species, ecosystems and resources).



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LIFE16 ESC/ES/000003

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OBJECTIVE

Network of young people (18 to 30 years old) involved in the Natura 2000 network (Directive Bird + Hábitats).



Gain experience and knowledge through non-formal training and personal experience related to Natura 2000 network conservation (42 sessions).



Raise awareness of the Natura 2000 network (in Spain) among European youth

Research



Monitoring

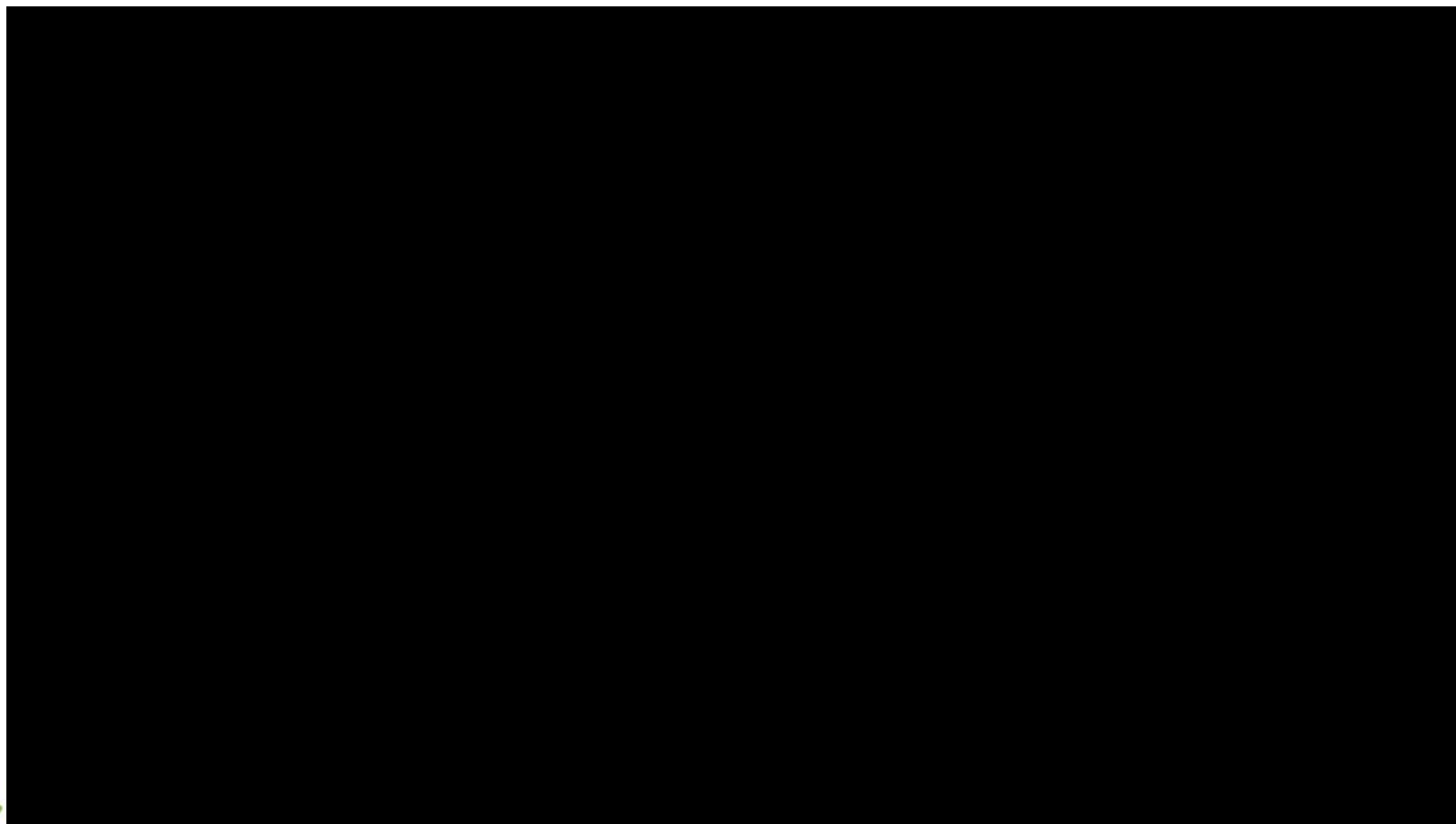


Conservation



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15 locations

+30 Natura 2000 spaces

316 volunteers (1300 inscriptions)

+57.000 hours worked (11.500 days), 700.000 € market value

+500 hours technical formation

1st Environmental Volunteering statistical report



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LIFE FOLLOWERS FAMILY



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OUTCOMES

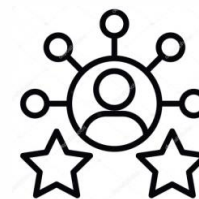
INVOLVING the future of Europe (Youth) NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION



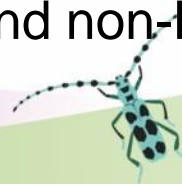
RAISE AWARENESS of the Natura 2000 Network (x2)



EXPERIENCE Personal and professional



Networking: Collaboration among with other projects: LIFE and non-LIFE



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FUTURE

Conclusions after LIFE Followers



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Young Volunteer in N. Europe



- **Personal** experience
- **Valued** by companies
- Part of formal and non-formal education.
- **Before** looking for a job.
- **Long term** and high commitment

EXPERIENCE

Young Volunteer in S. Europe



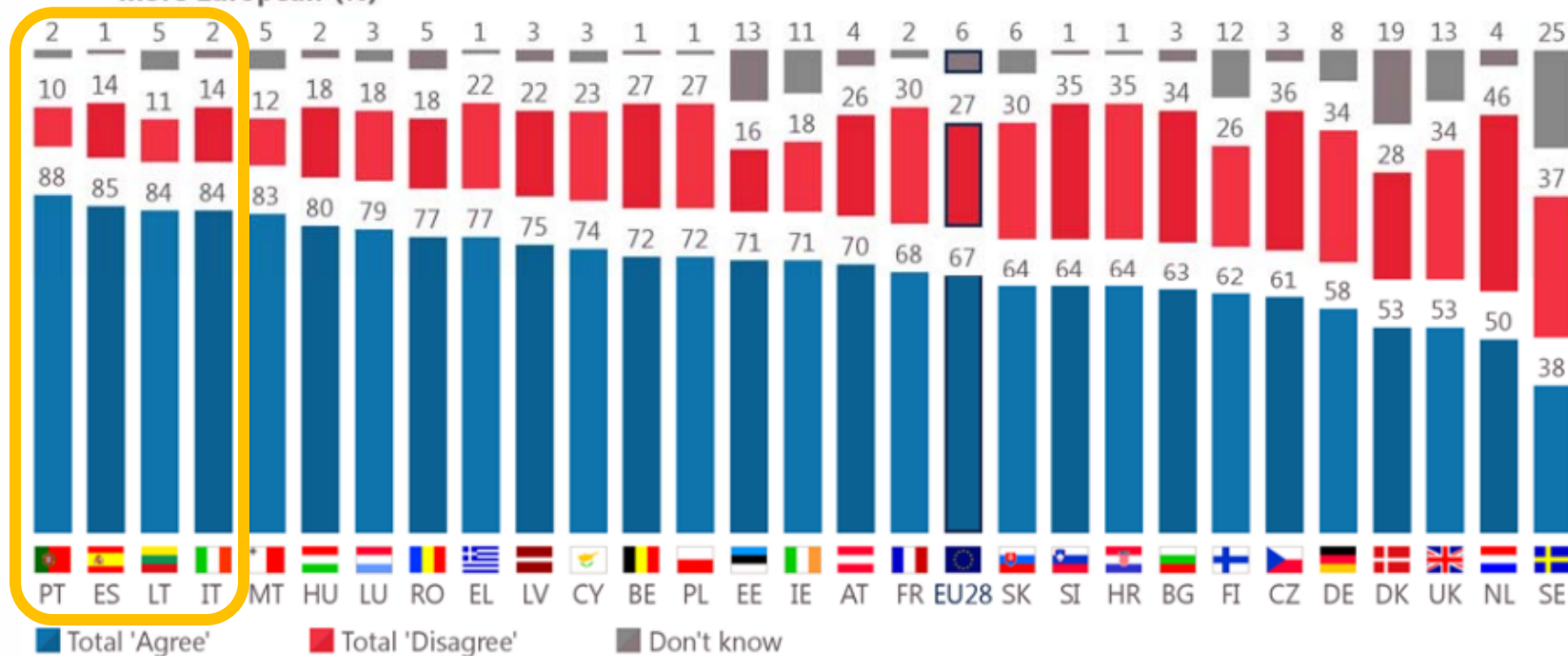
- **Professional** experience
- **Not Valued** by companies (Competence vs. Participation)
- Part of your training
- **While** looking for a job.
- **Short term**, low commitment (in general)*

RESOURCE

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European programmes and initiatives such as Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps make you feel more European (%)



Base: All respondents (N=10,927)

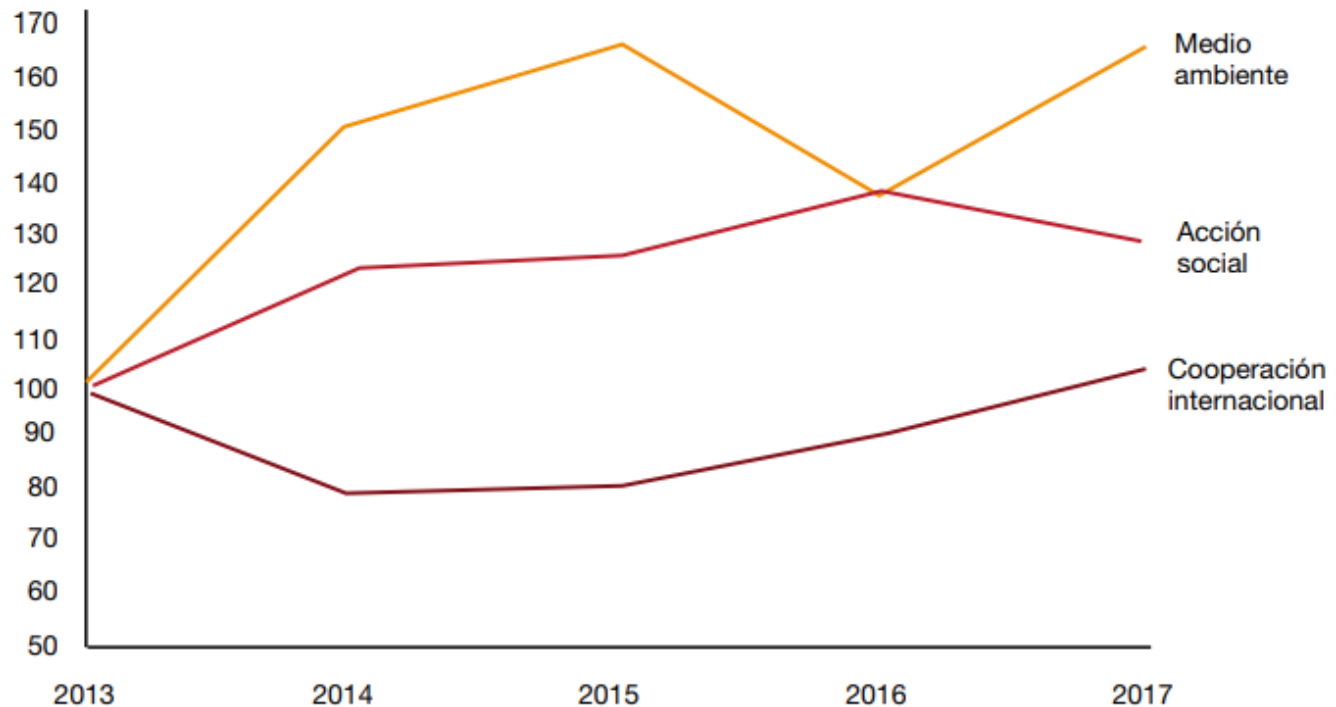
"EUROPEANIZE"



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Public funding evolution 2013- 2017



Fuente: Análisis de PwC a partir de datos de Eurostat, Ministerio de Hacienda, X Solidaria, UAFSE.

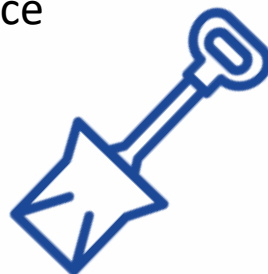


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QUESTIONS

- Is it **valued** (by companies) in Southern Europe as much as in Europe?
- What is the **future** of volunteering?
- Social Cooperation model:
 - **Anglo-Saxon model**: Big Society: **Privatisation** (Neoliberalism: outsourcing of state competences to the third sector) or **democratisation** of public services (Empowerment).
 - **Mediterranean model** (Family = State)
- **Controversy** Unpaid work vs experience



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